(b) whether Government propose to chalk out programme for its betterment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) A loan of Rs. 2.00 lakhs was sanctioned to Hindustani Dawakhana in the year 1953, to develop the institution to increase its production and sale of medicines.

The management of Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College, Delni of which Hindustani Dawakhana is a part rests with the Tibbia College Board and autonomous body under the provision of the Tibbia College Act 1952. The Delhi Administration, which is associated with the Board is considering measures to develop the Dawakhana.

Doubling of Ernakulam-Palghat Broad gauge line

1634. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted for doubling of the broad gauge line between Ernakulam and Palghat;

(b) the amount spent out of it so far;

(c) how much of the line has since been doubled; and

(d) by when the whole work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Against a total anticipated cost of Rs. 38.27 crores, for various Doubling projects, between Ernakulam and Palghat, a sum of Rs. 30.13 crores has been spent up to March 1984 and Rs. 5.99 crores allotted for 1984-85. The expenditure up to 30-6-1984 is about Rs. 33.19 crores.

(c) 104.63 Kms. of the line has been opened with Orthodox Doubling, in addition to 15.43 Kms, which has also been opened for goods traffic.

(d) The work is expected to be completed in 1985-86, subject to availability of resources.

Completion of Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli broad gauge link

1635. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated expenditure for construction of Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli broad gauge line;

(b) the amount spent and the progress made so far in the completion of the line;

(c) the extent of work which remains to be done; and

(d) by when it expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli B. G. line is a part of the senctioned project of construction of a B. G. line from Tirunelveli to Trivandrum via Nagercoil with a branch line from Nagercoil to Kanyakumari. As per completion estimates, the cost of the project is Rs. 38.60 crores.

(c) and (d) The entire line has already been opened for passenger traffic.

Financial aid to Hindustani Dawakhana Delhi

1636. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Hindustani Dawakhana, Delhi is facing a lot of difficulties for want of funds;

(b) whether Government propose to provide immediate financial aid to the Dawakhana; if so, what are the details in this regard; and